

In partnership with the City of Stevens Point, CREATE is challenging teams to transform downtown trash cans into public art. This project is designed to elevate the unique sense of place in Stevens Point, to highlight our creative identity, to showcase local artistic talent, to add vibrancy to the city core, and to foster community connection through shared experience.

PARTICIPATION:

Individual artists and/or teams of any size are encouraged to participate; however, we strongly encourage community organizations, neighborhoods, friend groups, and other teams to participate in this challenge together to maximize the community-building goals of this project.

FEES & GUIDELINES:

There is a \$25 materials fee for selected participants that will be paid prior to receiving materials. A payment link will be provided to selected participants. Art submitted must be appropriate for all ages and public spaces. It cannot include any obscene images, nudity, strong language, or political messages. Artists must also own the rights to all images and designs used. Please avoid any copyright infringements. CREATE recommends using vibrant colors for backgrounds.

SELECTION:

A selection committee will review designs and assign locations based on adherence to guidelines, availability of surfaces, and capacity to meet the goals of the project. There is no guarantee of participation. Please submit designs to info@createportagecounty.org.

TIMELINE:

APPLICATIONS OPEN - MAY 14

FIRST SELECTIONS - JUNE 1

SELECTED DESIGNS INFORMED OF THEIR LOCATION - JUNE 3

SURFACES PREPPED - JUNE 5

PAINTING OF SURFACES - JUNE 6 ONWARD

COMMUNITY VOTING - ENDS JULY 17

WINNER ANNOUNCED - JULY 17

PAINTING DAYS:

Painting for all teams and individuals will take place following the announcement of locations and preparation of canvases. CREATE encourages participants to share anticipated painting days by emailing chrisk@createportagecounty.org prior to painting and via social media by tagging @createpoco in stories and posts while painting.

MATERIALS:

CREATE and the City will prep surfaces with a coat of primer and provide tarps to prevent damage to sidewalks. Teams and individuals are expected to pick up a supply kit containing: aset of paints (red, yellow, blue, green, red, black, and white), a tarp, and brushes from CREATE Portage County prior to painting. Supply kits will be available during preparation day, June 5th, in downtown Stevens Point from 10am-1pm. Please make arrangements if unavailable at this time by emailing chriskecreateportagecounty.org. Teams are responsible for all other materials required to execute their designs and must use high-quality materials that are appropriate for outdoor weather conditions in Stevens Point. Artwork can use media other than paint but all materials must hold up on the concrete containers and be easily painted over at next year's competition. Brushes are to be cleaned and returned to CREATE Portage County after Trash Canvas.

PRIZES:

Following the Stevens Point Alliance's Discover downtown on July 17th, one canvas will be selected by Portage County residents as Canvas of the Year. Residents will vote using a Google Form delivered via CREATE's media channels and emailed to all participants.

RIGHTS:

The City of Stevens Point and CREATE Portage County, Inc. will both hold the rights to artwork developed as a part of this competition. They reserve the right to use images and recreations of completed artwork in promotional materials and merchandise. **The City of Stevens Point reserves the right to paint over any trash can at any time for any reason.**

SPECS:

Trash cans are approximately 32" tall and 83" in circumference with a curve in at the bottom starting 5" from the ground. The top 2–3" will be covered by a trash can lid. CREATE recommends that teams measure their specific container before painting and adjust design work accordingly.

SAMPLE CANVAS:



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Team Lead Name:

Email:

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By signing this form, I agree to the conditions of this competition, I affirm that all design work submitted is original, and I pledge to follow our approved design to the best of our abilities.

Signature

Date

Please submit designs to info@createportagecounty.org. First selections will be made June 1st.